



DX bulletin 550

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DX NEWS

J38R Grenada –update March 6

'Yesterday, we set up the 160-meter vertical and further tuned the 80m vertical. They are standing. The noise level is extremely low here, which we did not expect. Yesterday evening, we were already QRV on 160m in CW. It seems that we hear better than you hear us because we have to repeat the call regularly. Only Europe and the USA could be worked. 80 meters is slightly better. Towards morning (local time), several Japanese stations were logged on 80m. We occasionally miss our internet link, but rest assured, you are in the log! Daily updates are provided via DXlog itself. Club Livelog is a tool, but we cannot guarantee 100% that all QSOs are up to date due to the poor WIFI connection... Today, we only have to hang the 60m antenna, then all antennas are operational. One of our radios was broken upon arrival, as you know, but today our extra radio arrives, giving us some additional possibilities. The pile-ups continue to be enormous..'

Patrick ON4HIL and Frank ON7RU



QRV with 3 stations (credit ON7RU)



Left K9AY antenna, right 30 meter antenna (credit ON7RU)



160 meter antenna (credit ON7RU)



The QTH (credit ON7RU)



CY9C St Paul Island –update March 6

The CY9C team took delivery last week of the three main tents for the DXpedition. These include two tents for operations and a MESS tent. The two tents for operations are 12' X 12" and the MESS tent is 10' X 10'. The team is currently procuring tables and chairs for the five HF stations along with separate six meter and EME stations. Two work days are planned for later in May to check out all tents, antennas, Honda EU-22001 generators and all associated gear. In early August, all of the essential non-radio gear will be transported to Dingwall, Nova Scotia. The DXpedition team will utilize two helicopters for this operation. One helicopter will be a Bell 407 for transporting the heavy gear and the other helicopter will be used to transport the operators along with personal gear. This will be an expensive DXpedition and financial support from DX'ers will be greatly appreciated. The dates for the DXpedition are August 26 – September 5, 2024. Additional information can be found on our website at: cy9c.net



H40WA Temotu Province –now QRT

H40WA is now QRT. We are satisfied that we were able to achieve our goal of 60,000 QSOs with our seven man team. Thank you for chasing us across the bands and for your many donations. Pre-donors will receive LoTW uploads and QSL cards as they become available. For everyone else please use OQRS for your confirmations. Thank you! The H40WA Team.

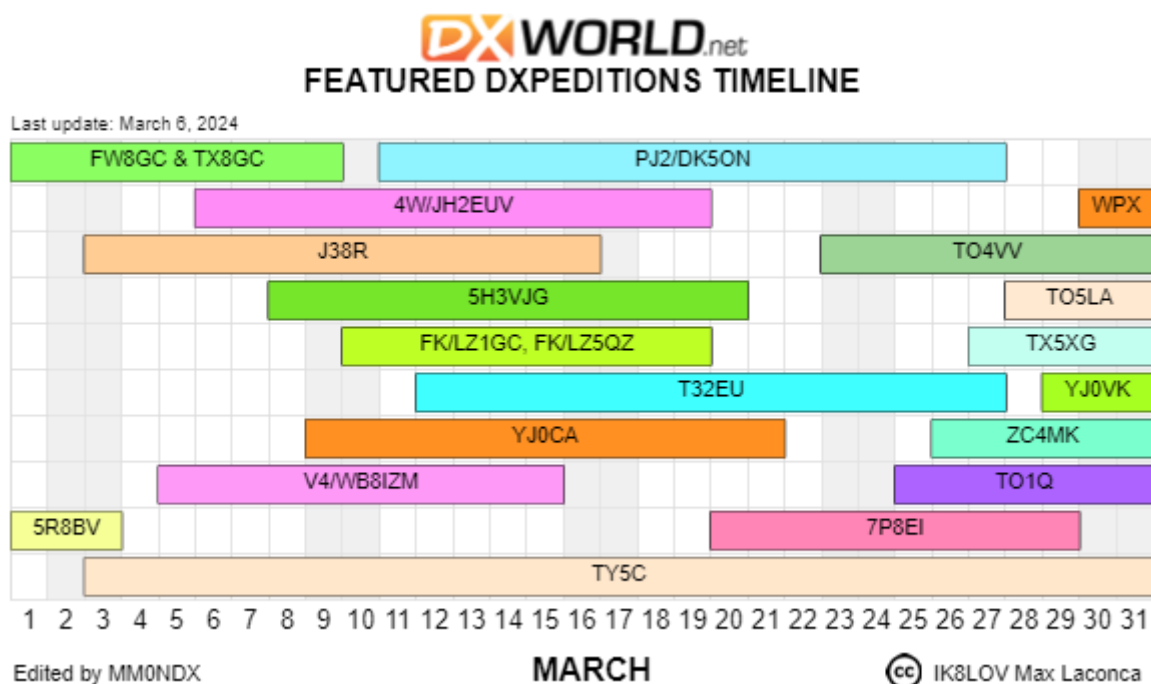


Jarvis Island DXpedition 2024 –update by George AA7JV

'We have received permisison from the US Fish and Wildlife Service to land on Jarvis Island for a 13 day DXpedition, starting around August 1, 2024 (the date may change due to WX). We will have 6 RIB stations on the island, including a 160 meter station. While August is not idea for the low bands, we are grateful for the permit to operate. The time of the year was not our choice. 160m will be very challanging for EU (near impossible) as there is no common darkness but we will install a good RX antenna. The TX antenna will be a 45 ft tall vertical without top loading (wires can hurt birds). While this is a compromise antenna, it will be standing in salt water at most tides and should put out a decent signal. EU stations on 80m will have better chance, albeit still small. No matter, we will put in the time and effort at both our SS and SR. You never know with TB. We will also have a 6m station with a 6 element Yagi. Updates and callsign info to follow later.'



DXCC Timeline



DXCC

This week on air

This can change daily, please visit <https://www.dx-world.net/> for updates.

DK7PE Caribbean Tour Continuing his Caribbean tour (so far Rudi has visited and operated from [C6](#), [VP5](#), [VP2E](#), [FJ](#)), DK7PE is now QRV from St. Eustatius as PJ5/DK7PE. Activity has been on 40-30-17-15m, CW.

4S, SRI LANKA Peter, DC0KK is again operating as 4S7KKG until March 30. Activity mostly using FT4/8 with some CW and RTTY. QSL via Club Log, LoTW.

4W, TIMOR LESTE Satoshi, 4W/H2EUV is once again operating until March 19 on all bands, except 160 meter.

5H, TANZANIA Nobby, G0VJG will be operating as 5H3VJG from Zanzibar between March 8-20. Operation on HF using mainly SSB and FT8. An entry in the BERU contest is included. QSL via M00XO.

6W, SENEGAL Once again, Willy ON4AVT is active as 6W7/call from Warang until April 13. Operation during his spare time mostly on 40 meter and higher using SSB. During his afternoon between 14:00 and 15:00 UTC depending the propagation is the best chance. During his evening mostly on 40 and 30 meter. QSL via OQRS, LoTW.

6Y, JAMAICA Iain, G4SGX is active as 6Y/call until March 13. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW only. QSL via LoTW, M00XO OQRS.

8Q, MALDIVES Sergey, RX3APM is once again operating as 8Q7BB until March 9. Activity in 'holiday-style' from 80 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW.

4W/JH2EUV on a previous Timor Leste operation



CN, MOROCCO Yannick, F6FYD will be active as CN2YD from Marrakech, Morocco during March 10-23. Also plans to operate as CN2YD/p from AF-065 sometime during his stay. QSL via F6FYD.

FG, GUADELOUPE Gildas F6HMQ and Michel F6GWV are active as TO3Z (contest) until March 17. Operation in 'holiday-style' as FG/calls. QSL via F6HMQ.

FK, NEW CALEDONIA Stan LZ1GC and Ted LZ5QZ will be operating as FK/calls during March 10-19. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. <https://www.c21gc.com/>

FK, NEW CALEDONIA Until approx May, look for Alain FK/FO4AE and Patricia FK/FO4EF sporadically active from Noumea, New Caledonia. QRV on HF bands from the QTH of FK8IK. QSL via LoTW. Visit FO4EF blog here.

FM, MARTINIQUE Look for Francis FM/F6BWJ until mid-March. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW. QSL via home call and LoTW.

FR, REUNION Thierry, FY4JI is active as FR4AV until March 11. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via EA5GL.

FW, WALLIS & FUTUNA Stan LZ1GC and Ted LZ5QZ are active as FW8GC and TX8GC until March 9. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. <https://www.c21gc.com/>

H44, SOLOMON ISLANDS Bernard, DL2GAC is once again QRV as H44MS from Manakwai Village until end April. Operation on SSB and FT8, an entry in the CQ160 SSB contest is included. QSL via home call, LoTW.

HR, HONDURAS Gerard, F2JD is operating as HR5/call until March 21. QRV on HF using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via F6AJA, direct or bureau.

J3, GRENADA A team of Belgian low band DXers with Franky ON7RU, Marc ON4MA, Marc ON6CC, Pascal ONRA, Patrick ON4HIL and Karel ON5TN is QRV until March 16. Operation from 160 to 10 meter. <https://rockall.be/>

JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA Take JG8NQJ/JD1 is again active from Minami Torishima until mid-April. QRV mainly on CW and some FT8 (spare time). QSL via JA8CJY, LoTW.

KH9, WAKE ISL Last active in May 2021, Tom NL7RR has been QRV on/off from Wake Island since early-February. He is a contractor working on the island and is active when time permits for the next week or so. Activity on 40-20-10m SSB. QSL via AL7JX, LoTW.

PJ2, CURACAO Andy, DK5ON will again be operating as PJ2/call from March 11 until March 27. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via DK5ON direct or bureau, LoTW and OQRS.

4W8X Timor Leste QSL cards are ready to go



PJ7, ST MAARTEN Tom, AA9A is once again QRV as PJ7AA until March 10. Activity from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

T32, EASTERN KIRIBATI A German team with DF4GV, DK2AMM, DL4SVA, DJ7TO, DL1KWK and DL2AWG will be active between March 12 and March 27. Operation 24/7 with 3 stations as T32EU. QSL via DL2AWG.

TY, BENIN Look for Gerard F5NVF, Luc F5RAV and Abdel M0NPT as TY5C until March 29. Activity on HF using CW, SSB, FT8 and sat QO-100. QSL via F5RAV direct and LoTW.

V4, ST KITTS Greg, WB8IZM is operating as V4/call until March 15. Operation on HF using CW and SSB. QSL via home call and LoTW.

V5, NAMIBIA Frank, DL7ATA is on a road trip until March 23. Operation during his evening hours as V5/call using SSB. QSL via home call.

V5, NAMIBIA Gunter DK2WH is active as V51WH until April. QTH near Omaruru. Operation from 160 to 10 meter, 60 also included.

VP2M, MONTSEERRAT Thaire, W2APF is once again active as VP2MDX until April 11. Operation on HF using BuddiPole portable Hexbeam, Doublet for 30M, End-fed for 40M. QSL via home call, LoTW.

YJ, VANUATU Chris, VK2YUS will once again be active as YJ0CA from Efate Island between March 9 and March 21. Operation between, 2100z and 1000z using SSB only. QSL via home call.

Z3, MACEDONIA Al, DJ0LZ is QRV as Z36T until March 25.

Antennas from a previous YJ0CA operation by Chris VK2YUS



Coming up soon

7P, LESOTHO The EIDXG team will after the success of 9N7EI, 7Q7EI, 5V7EI and V26EI now be operating as 7P8EI during March 20-29. A team of 15 will be QRV from 160 to 10 meter. QSL via M0OXO. More to follow.

C6, BAHAMAS Jay, WA1JAY will once again be operating from Paradise Island as call/C6A between March 15 and March 22. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using SSB, FT4/8 and FM sats. QSL via Club Log or OQRS.

HI, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC Jean, VA2VKG will be operating from Boca Chica as HI8/call between March 15 and April 12. QRV on 40, 20 and 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

T8, PALAU Ichy, JH7IPR will once again be operating as T88UW between March 15-24. Operation mainly using FT8 with some CW and SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW, Club Log.

IOTA

This week on air

AFRICA

AF-090 Sainte-Marie Isl Eric, F6ICX is once again operating as 5R8IC until end March. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using mainly CW and QO-100 satellite. QSL via LoTW or home call.

ASIA

AS-058 Langkawi Isl Jacek SP5APW got in touch to mention: 'I'm going to Malaysia in March 2024 and will be active from the island of Langkawi (AS-058) between March 9-17. The callsign assigned to me is 9W2/SP5APW. I will be working on 10-20m bands FT8/SSB using wire antenna but the main focus is on the 6m band where I will operate using 4 element yagi.'

AS-079 Miyako Isl Take JS6RRR is operating as JI3DST/6, JJ5BRH/6 or JR8YLY/6 until April 1. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. The various calls are mentioned on

different modes. An entry in the CQWPX SSB contest is included. QSL via QRZ.com.

Coming up soon

SOUTH AMERICA

SA-028 Ilha dos Búzios A team with PY4YY, PY4KM, PY2ITM, PY2AE and PS8RV will be active as ZZ2FF from Ilha dos Búzios during March 15-17. QRV on 80-40-20-15-10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via PY4YY.

ANTARCTIC BASES

Davis Base Until November 2024, David VK2JDS will occasionally be active from Davis Station, Antarctica using the callsign VK0DS. He hopes to be QRV on HF bands and will also try 2m EME using a single 12el yagi and 100 watts from an IC9700 using JT65A or Q65A-60 (or similar). He mentions that nothing is certain, and weather conditions and station duties will have precedent. David hopes to have LoTW up and running from Davis Station – updates to follow.

Presidente Eduardo Frei Mantaiva Base Esteban, XQ7UP will be working at the Chilean Antarctic Base Presidente Eduardo Frei Montalva on King George Island, South Shetland Islands (AN-010) on 6-12 March. He hopes to be QRV as XQ7UP/9 in his spare time, and to operate SSB and FT8 on 40-10 metres. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or direct to XQ7UP.

Vernadsky Research Base Andrii, UT3UTQ, currently signs EM1UTQ from the Ukrainian base Akademik Vernadskyi on Galindez Island. Serhii, UW5EHR, is also there and operates as EM1EHR. Both are members of the current Ukrainian Antarctic Expedition and will stay until the end of March.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

Caribbean trip by Eric GM5RDX

My 2024 Caribbean Islands DXpedition will see me operating from both the Dutch and French sides of St Maarten as PJ7/G5RDX and FS/G5RDX. Additionally, I'll be entering the IOTA contest from Anguilla (VP2EGM) and then spending a few days on St Kitts (V4). This trip will take place during the last two weeks of July.

African tour by Pista HA5AO

Pista, HA5AO – celebrating 50 years anniversary of his HAM license – informs DX-World that he will be active from four African countries in September/October 2024. The operating sites are within 40-80 km circle of the common borders of Zimbabwe, Zambia, Botswana and Namibia. Ten days of operation can be expected from each country on CW, SSB, and FT8 from 80m up to 6m. The licenses are in hand, the QTHs are booked. He will use K3S and FT-710 transceivers with KPA 500 power amplifier. The antenna is a DX Commander vertical for 40-6m bands and multi-band inverted-V (80m-6m) on a 12m HD Spider pole, donated by Spiderbeam. The planned schedule is as follows,

03-13 September, Zimbabwe, Zambezi National Park as **Z22AO**, QRA: KH21ww

14-23 September, Zambia, Victoria Falls region as **9J2AO**, QRA: KH22wc

24 Sept-04 October, Botswana, Chobe National Park as **A25AO**, QRA: KH22oc

05-14 October, Namibia, Katima Mulilo region as **V5/HA5AO**, QRA: KH22dm

Other details, QSL policy and OQRS can be found [here](#).

8Q, MALDIVES Rolf, DO4RKR will be operating in 'holiday-style' as 8Q7KR from Joy Island between May 19-31. Operation on 10 meter SSB only using low power. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

E5, COOK ISL Tom K7TLM and Leslie KD7YZE will be active as E51TLM from Rarotonga between April 7 and April 13. Working conditions: IC-705 running 5 Watts to a horizontal 10 Meter end-fed half-wave wire antenna at 16 feet high just above sea level. SSB at 28.385 MHz, QRSS CW at 28.060 MHz. Look for them approx 1900 to 0100 UTC. While there they will visit Jim, E51JD. QSL info via QRZ.com.

FW8GC (Stan LZ1GC) and TX8GZ (Ted LZ5QZ) from Wallis Island



EL, LIBERIA The Czech DXpedition Group (OK1BOA, OK1CRM, OK1FCJ, OK1GK, OK2ZA, OK2ZC, OK2ZI and OK6DJ) will be active as A8OK between April 5-19, with "full operation" expected on 9-16 April. Activity with multiple stations from 160 to 6 meter using SSB, CW and digital modes (RTTY, FT8, FT4, PSK). The idea is to use Club Log's Livestream. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via OK6DJ.

VP6, PITCAIRN ISL Dave W2JO mentions: 'I'm working on a trip to VP6 (OC-044). Hope to be on 10 through 160 with 100 watt CW only. Expect to be QRV from FO as well (either Tahiti OC-046) or Gambier OC-063 or maybe both. I've been in conversation with Meralda VP6MW who has been very helpful. Anybody wishing to donate equipment to her for the great job she does keeping the island active, let me know and I'll see if I can pack it. QSL via N2ZN and will be using LoTW. Dates to be determined.'

KH5, JARVIS ISL The Dateline DX Association has received a permission from the USFWS for a DXpedition to Jarvis. It's ranked number 9 in Europe's most wanted list. The small team of four, consisting of George, AA7JV, Don, N1DG, Tomi, HA7RY and Mike, KN4EEI, will install 6 RIB stations on Jarvis, operating on 160 to 6 meters, using CW, SSB and FT8 modes. The on-island team will be augmented by 25 remote operators from Asia, Europe and North America, running CW and FT8. FT8 operations will use the Fox/Hound mode. The RIB equipment, which makes an

efficient small footprint operation possible, was developed with the support of the NCDXF. Operation will be around August 1 depending the WX. More to follow.

OJ0, MARKET REEF A Norwegian team with LB5SH, LA1UW, LA3EAA and LB0VG will be operating as OJ0/ calls or by special OJ0 calls (pending). Operation between April 27 and May 4 from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via EA5GL and LoTW.

THE REMINDERS

4W, TIMOR LESTE Alan, VK2MET/VK1AO will once again be active as 4W/VK1AO from Dili during August 17-30. Operation mainly from 40 to 12 meter using CW and FT8 in QRP power. QSL via home call, LoTW, Club Log.

5N, NIGERIA The Rebel DX Group are off to Abuja, Nigeria after their Tuvalu DXpedition. They have requested the callsign 5N5N. Three ops with up to 10 stations; 160-6m, mainly CW & FT8. Dates will be announced soon.

6O, SOMALIA Team 6O3T will be operating sometime early 2024. Activity with a focus on the low bands and 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. More to follow.

8Q, MALDIVES Tev, TA1HZ will be operating as 8Q7HZ from Dharavandhoo Island between April 6 and April 15. QRV in 'holiday-style' on HF. QSL via LoTW.

8Q, MALDIVES Felix, DL6JF will be operating from Helengeli as 8Q7JF between June 16 and June 29. Operation in 'holiday-style' using CW and digi. QSL via DM5JBN, LoTW.

8Q, MALDIVES Look for Mariusz, SP5MDB from Vaavu Atoll as 8Q7SQ (dates TBA). Activity on 20, 15 and 10 meter using SSB. QSL via home call.

9U, BURUNDI Antonello, IK2DUW confirms there is a DXpedition in preparation, sponsorship is sought. More to follow.

A5, BHUTAN Janusz SP9FIH / A52CI and SP6CIK / A52P will be active between April 19 and May 4. *'It is extremely difficult to find good QTH in Bhutan. The country is very mountainous with deep valleys surrounded by steep mountain ranges. Moreover, there is a high level of electromagnetic interference in the valleys.*

We will stay high in Dochula Eco Retreat at about 3070m above sea level. Seems to be good open area short path to USA, Europe and Japan. However long path to North America will be through mountain range 3500m about 2 km from our hotel, so rather rely on a short path.'

Gary KC9EE as PJ7EE Sint Maarten –now QRT



CY9, ST PAUL ISL The CY0S team, along with members of the previous CY9C DXpeditions, is pleased to announce their plans to go back to St Paul Island CY9 during August 26 and September 5. The larger, main island (Atlantic Cove site) is controlled by the Canadian Wildlife Service and is

off-limits. DXpeditions can only be set up on the much smaller "Northeast" Island (Rock!). The CY9C team will once again have a helicopter available to access the Northeast Island as there is no dock or landing area for a boat. Much more information, including a website, will be available later this year and into 2024.

FG, GUADELOUPE Jean-Luc, F1ULQ will once again be active as TO1Q from March 25 for 2 weeks. Operation on HF and 6 meter using SSB and digi. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW.

FH, MAYOTTE Marek, FH4VVK will be operating as TO4VV during March 23-31, April 6-7, April 13-14 and April 20-21. Operation using SSB and FT8. QSL direct, LoTW or Club Log.

FH, MAYOTTE Ros 4Z5LA and Ruben 4Z5FI will be operating as TO5LA between March 28 and April 2. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digi. An entry in the CQ WPX SSB contest is included. QSL via 4Z5FI.

FOO, AUSTRAL ISL Haru, JA1XGI will be operating as TX5G between March 27 and April 3. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW and digi. QSL via LoTW.

FOO, AUSTRAL ISL Jeff K5WE and Craig W5CCP will be operating as TX7W from Raivavae between April 16 and April 30. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via OQRS or via K5WE. <https://k5we.com/tx7w/>

FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON Tino VE2GCE, Mark VA2MM, Malcolm VE2DDZ, Jonathan VA2XZA, John VE2YNI and Vlad VA2AN will be active as TO8FP during August 10-22. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, digi and sats. QSL via Club Log.

FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON Once again, FP/KV1J will be operating between July 2 and July 16. An entry in the IARU contest is included. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call or LoTW.

FR, REUNION ISL Dates still to be confirmed, but look for Giovanni IZ2DPX as TO7PX. QRV from 40 to 6 meter using SSB & FT8 using fishing rod antenna. Operation in 'holiday-style'. QSL via IK2DUW.

FT/G GLORIOSO ISL Mark, FH4VVK will be active from Grande Glorieuse, Glorioso Islands as FT4GL in the near future. Support team: F5IRO, F8CRS, F5RQQ. QSL via F4FTV. Check QRZ.com for further updates. A website is under construction.

FT/X, KERGUELEN It's apparently no secret that Thierry F6CUK of FT8WW fame plans (emphasis on plans) to go with a second operator to the Kerguelen Islands in late 2024. Wait and see for more..

702WX QSL preview



J6, ST LUCIA Seth, N4XTT will be active as J6/call during August 10-17. Operation on 'holiday-style' from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via home call and LoTW.

'I am also planning to activate POTA reference J6-0001, which hasn't been activated yet. This will be a part time operation (holiday style) using a 100w radio and a DX-Commander Expedition 40-10m vertical. Bands and modes: 40-10M; CW, SSB & FT8/FT4. I'm a youth op and looking forward to having fun on the island!'

J8, ST VINCENT Kevin, W1DED will once again be active as J8NKI between March 25 and April 1. An entry in the CQWW WPX SSB contest is included. QSL via LoTW.

JD1, OGASAWARA Look once again for JD1BQP between April 22 and May 3. Operation from 15 to 6 meter using mainly SSB. QSL via home call direct.

JW, SVALBARD Look for LA6VM, LA7XK and LA9DL as JW6VM, JW7XK and JW9DL between October 9-14. An entry in the Scandinavian Activity Contest SSB is included as JW5X. QSL via homecalls, JW5X via LA5X.

JW, SVALBARD Kaare, LA8EKA will be active as JW8EKA between April 18-21. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and digi. QSL via home call.

KH0, MARIANA ISL Toshi, JH6HZH will be operating as KH0/call between April 24 and May 1. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via Club Log, LoTW.

V4, ST KITTS BJ, WA7WJR will be operating as V4/call between July 8 and July 12. Operation in 'holiday-style' with some Parks on the Air activations. QRV from 20 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via Club Log, LoTW.

V4, ST KITTS Tim, N5TCH will be operating as V4/call between May 10 and May 17. Activity on HF during his spare time (mainly his mornings). QSL via QRZ.com and LoTW.

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL Dave, W9DR will be active as VP2V/call from Anegada Isl sometime June 2024. Operation on 6 meter only using FT8, CW and SSB. QSL via QRZ.com information.

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL Dario, KP4DO will be operating from Tortola as VP2V/call. Dates not yet mentioned. More to follow.

VP6, PITCAIRN ISL Bill, G0VDE informs DX-World that he will be active as VP6WR during September 5-15. QRV from 80 to 10 meter using vertical / wire antennas and PA. Modes: SSB & FT8, maybe some CW. QSL info to follow.



VP6, PITCAIRN ISL Gerben, PG5M will be operating as VP6G between April 4 and April 14. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. If possible he will try to run 2 stations, primarily CW and additionally FT8. <https://dx.to/vp6g/>

YJ, VANUATU Luke VK3HJ, Alan VK6CQ, Matt K0BBC and Chris VK3QB will be active from Port Vila, Vanuatu on 40 through to 6 metres from 29 March until 11 April. For the first week their focus will be on SSB and CW, with FT8 as a 'back-fill' mode. The second week will be CW and FT8. Updates to follow here and Facebook plus DX-World.net.

YJ, VANUATU Look for a team led by N4VGE to be active as YJ0VV between October 16-30. An entry in several contests is included. *'There are openings in the group for three to four more hams and their spouses. We are expecting excellent spring propagation for making European and North American contacts. Of course, the location will bring an abundance of Asian contacts as well. Antennas we plan on taking and erecting include parasitic phased verticals, BuddiHex Hexbeam, 160 Cable Help long wire, and 40-80 meter G5RV long wires.'*

YN, NICARAGUA Robert, DL7VOA will be QRV from Guacalito de la Isla as YN5AO. Dates are still in planning phase due to COVID. Operation in 'holiday-style' with a focus on the low bands. QSL via Club Log OQRS. <https://www.qrz.com/db/YN5AO>

ZC4, CYPRUS SBA Dates still to be firmed up, however Martin MW0BRO will be active from Cyprus Sovereign Base Area as ZC4GW next March or April. Martin's main mode of operation is CW. QSL via home call.

ZC4, CYPRUS SBA Adrian, G0KOM will be active as ZC4MK between March 26 and April 1. An entry in the CQWW WPX contest is included. QSL via home call.

ZD9, TRISTAN DA CUNHA Lance, W7GJ will be active as ZD9GJ on a 6m EME DXpedition. QRV between August 23 and September 30.

ZK3, TOKELAU Hrane YT1AD and team YU3AA, RC9O and UA9OYL will be active from Tokelau end 2024 or beginning 2025. The reason is that New Zealand's State activities on the island of Tokelau during February and March, which have PRIORITY!

IOTA

THE REMINDERS

AFRICA

AF-005 Santiago Isl Harald DF2WO / D44TWO (FT8 and CW) and Franz DG9KAN / D44KAN (SSB) will once again be active between June 8 and June 20. Operation mainly on 6 meter using FT8 and CW on all bands. <https://www.qrz.com/db/D44TWO>

EUROPE

EU-029 Lolland Isl A team of 8 Belgium operators will be active as 5P5LI during April 29 to May 5. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and Digi. Also active daily on 2m/70cm via ISS. QSL via ON6EF. No LoTW. <https://hamradioexpedition.com/>

NORTH AMERICA

NA-056 Isla de la Juventud A group of 9 Cuban operators will be QRV as T44DX between March 21-25. Operation on HF and VHF using various modes and SAT's. QSL via RW6HS and LoTW.

OCEANIA

OC-063 Mangareva Isl Bill, G0VDE will be operating as FO/call during September 17-21. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using SSB, FT8 and some CW. QSL info to follow.

OC-144 Mendanau Isl Irfan, YE4IJ will be operating as 7B4M during September 14-16. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using all modes.

OC-144 Ketawai Isl The Bangka Belitung DXpedition Team, signing as 7B4K, will be active from Ketawai Island, OC-144 (Bangka and Belitung Islands) during May 24-26. QRV on HF bands. Check QRZ.com entry for more info including QSL manager.

OC-261 Flinders Isl The team that activated VK5TIL last year is going to be active again this year from Flinders Island, South Australia, between April 14-21. 6 Operators (VK5GR, VK5PAS, VK5HS, VK5LA, VK5FR and VK5GA) will be running all modes from 160m-70cm, including both both terrestrial and satellite modes. We will be participating in both the IOTA programs (OC-261) and the WWFF programs, with the main station is located in VKFF-0175 and additional island portable activities also planned from the two other parks zone VKFF-1717 and VKFF-4307 while there.

The last IOTA activation from the island was by Craig VK5CE/P back in August 2013 so this has been dormant for some time now. We hope that the combination of IOTA and WWFF activity will be of interest not only domestically but globally as well. QSLs will be handled by M0OXO via his OQRS service. Cards and LoTW will be available at the appropriate times. We are also looking at how we might use CLub Log during the event as well.

If you would like to find out more, you can visit our [website](#) . We will be adding further information as the project planning is completed. The team is looking forward to working everyone in April!

Special calls

THE NEWCOMERS

DL, GERMANY DP75AFUG (special DOK 75AFUG) celebrates 75 years of amateur radio legislation in Germany between March 1 and April 20. An award is also available, see: <https://www.qrz.com/db/DP75AFUG>. Cards will be sent automatically via the bureau; direct via DL2VFR. (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY The special event callsign **DA0RC** will be active around the FunkTag 2024

exhibition. QRV until April 27 with the special DOK FTK24. Sending a card is not necessary, there will be an automatic bureau service and also confirmations via the DARC's DCL system. Direct cards for the above time period only go via DL2VFR (d). (TNX DXNL)

F, FRANCE TM88YL celebrates the International Women's Day (March 8) until the 15th; DM88YLF likewise until the end of the month. QSL for both via bureau. (TNX DXNL)

FY, FRENCH GUIANA Active during various dates in April, May and July, look for **TO60CSG** from French Guiana. This special event callsign is used to celebrate 60 years of Europe's Spaceport based in Kourou. More info here. LoTW uoloads end of every month.



HH, HAITI The special event station **HI180RD** remains active until April 30, celebrating the 180th independence anniversary. An award is also available: <https://independencia2024.org/contest/9>. (TNX DXNL)

HZ, SAUDI ARABIA HZ1SFD, 7Z1SFD, and 8Z1SFD celebrate the Saudi Flag Day until March 11. QSL direct via qrz.com, LoTW, eQSL. (TNX DXNL)

I, ITALY Members of ARI Carpi (Modena) will be active as **IQ4DJ** (club callsign) and **II4CPC** (special callsign) on 4-10 March to commemorate the 120th anniversary of the Chilean city of Capitan Pastene, founded by Italian settlers who arrived from Modena in two successive migrations. Also active will be CB6I and CB6CPC, operated by members of Radio Club Traiguén. Four certificates will be available, see II4CPC on qrz.com for information. QSL II4CPC via IQ4DJ; QSL CB6I and CB6CPC via CE6TRA (direct). (TNX 425DX)

UA, RUSSIA Special callsigns **R108M, R1934G, R1961G** and **RG61PP** will be active from the Smolensk Oblast on 1-12 March to commemorate the anniversaries of Yuri Gagarin's birth (9 March 1934) and historic 108-minute first flight ("Pervyj Poljot") into outer space (12 April 1961). QSL via operator's instructions.

THE REMINDERS

9A, CROATIA Throughout 2024 Tom, 9A2AA will use **9A67AA** to mark his 67 years of activity on the amateur radio bands. QSL via home call. (TNX 425DX)

9A, CROATIA 9A100RKZ is the special callsign celebrating the 100th anniversary since Radioklub Zagreb was founded (24 March 1924). Look for activity throughout 2024. QSL via 9A1ADE. (TNX 42DX)

DL, GERMANY The following special event stations call attention to the formation of the German Radio Cartel, a first consortium of German broadcasting stations, 100 years ago: **DB100FK, DC100FK, DD100FK, DF100FK, DL100FK, DM100FK, DQ100FK, DR100FK, DM100MW, and DR100PE**. QRV from Jan. 1 until May 31 in 2024. Awards are also available, see: <https://100fk.de>. Confirmations will only be handled digitally: eQSL, LoTW, Club Log, DCL, and a downloadable "card". (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY DP9GLHN is the special callsign that members of DARC's Ortsverband Norderney will be using from 1 February to 31 December to mark the 150th anniversary since the Norderney Island (EU-047) lighthouse was put into service. QSL via the bureau. (TNX 425DX)

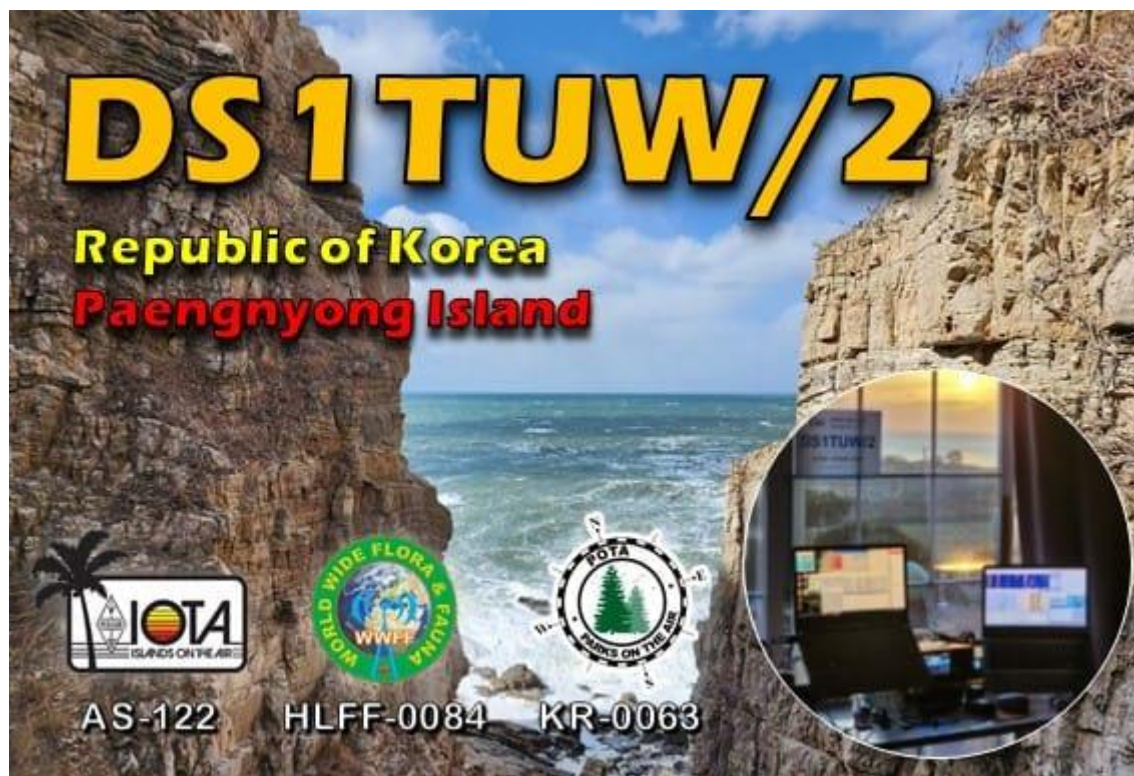
EI, IRELAND Special event callsign **EI80MB** will be active from 1 November to 31 May 2024 to commemorate the 80th anniversary since 168 German seamen were miraculously rescued from the waters of the Bay of Biscay after a battle between British and German naval forces (29

December 1943). QSL via Club Log's OQRS or via EI6AL. (TNX 425DX)

EI, IRELAND Between 1 September and 31 August 2024 **EI4FOTA** will be active from all around Ireland - including SOTA and POTA locations, UNESCO World Heritage Sites, lighthouses and IOTA islands. Apparently the first operation will be on 17-24 September from the Giant's Causeway - which is in Northern Ireland (GI), though; then on 5-15 October from the Blasket Islands (EU-007). (TNX 425DX)

HB9, SWITZERLAND Members of the Zurich City Police Radio Amateur Club (HB9SP) will be active as **HB2OSP** throughout 2024 to celebrate their club's 20th anniversary. QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW, Club Log and qrz.com; do not send any card via the bureau. (TNX 42DX)

HS, THAILAND Celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Radio Amateur Society of Thailand, RAST members will be active as **HS60RAST** from 10 February to 10 March. QSL via HS6MYW. (TNX 425DX)



I, ITALY Special callsign **IY9MM** will be active on 1-31 March to memorialize the experiments conducted by Guglielmo Marconi from the ship "Regina Elena" in the port of Augusta (9 March 1914). QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or direct to IT9MRM. (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY Throughout 2024 ARI Fidenza will use a series of special callsigns each representing a "keyword" that summarizes and characterizes the content of a sentence from one of Guglielmo Marconi's many public speeches: II4TENC (January), II4INTU (February), II4SUCC (March), II4DETR (April), II4SEAS (May), II4RDFF (June), II4INNV (July), II4BFRE (August), II4OTSR (September), II4VISN (October), II4BTFU (November), II4FCGD (December). QSL via IQ4FE. Information about the "Discovering Marconi" award: <http://www.arifidenza.it/>.

LZ, BULGARIA Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special 16allsigns during 2024 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: **LZ543BN** (March and April), **LZ44IZ** (May and June), **LZ302IT** (July and August), **LZ1515IW** (September and October), and **LZ311PA** (November and December). QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2024 Award" can be found at <https://www.lz1kcp.com/>. (TNX 425DX)

OE, AUSTRIA **OE24BI** draws attention to Bad Ischl, European Capital of Culture 2024. QRV from January until the end of June. (TNX DXNL)

OE, AUSTRIA **OE100RADIO** celebrates the centennial of radio broadcasting during 2024. (TNX DXNL)

OE, AUSTRIA **OE40WO** celebrates the 40th anniversary of the club Wolfsberg ADL 084 until 4 April 2024. QSL via OE8XDX (d/B). (TNX DXNL)

ON, BELGIUM Throughout 2024, the Radio Club de Liège (LGE) will be celebrating its 100th anniversary. To mark the occasion, the special call sign **OR100LGE** will be activated from 6m to 160m, mainly on FT8/FT4, CW and SSB. Livestream on Club Log. <https://clublog.org/livestream/or100lge>. QSL via LoTW, Club Log and e-qsl.

SM, SWEDEN **SK100FRK** is the special callsign celebrating the 100 anniversary since Falu

Radioklubb (SK4AO) was founded. Look for activity during 2024. A very special diploma will be available - see <https://www.qrz.com/db/SK100FRK>. (TNX 42DX)

SM, SWEDEN SK50B is the special callsign for members of the Botkyrka Radioamatörer to celebrate their club's golden jubilee throughout 2024. The club was founded on 18 January 1974. QSL via the bureau to SK0HB. (TNX 42DX)

VE, CANADA Members of the Newfoundland based Grassroots Amateur Radio Club (VO1GRC) will be active as **VO1TAP** from 18 February to 18 March. QSL via LoTW and eQSL. The callsign commemorates the anniversary of the USS "Truxtun" and USS "Pollux" naval disaster that occurred off the coast of Newfoundland on 18 February 1942. QSL via LoTW. See <https://grassrootsarc.weebly.com/vo1tap.html> for more information. (TNX 425DX)

VK, AUSTRALIA Celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Islands On The Air programme, special event callsign **VI60IOTA** will be in use across Australia during 2024: "whenever VI60IOTA is heard on the air", the organizers say, "it will be from one of the VK IOTA entities", including the main islands of Australia (OC-001) and Tasmania (OC-007). QSOs will be made available for Club Log and LoTW Matching on the IOTA website; traditional QSLs via M00XO's OQRS. (TNX 425DX)

VU, INDIA The special event callsign **AT3POG** is operated by Guru VU3GWN, Arvind VU3CIQ, Rajesh VU3TBU, and Shyam VU3UZD until March 31. (TNX DXNL)

YO, ROMANIA Celebrating the 95th anniversary of the first amateur radio association in Romania's Arad County, special callsigns **YR95AR, YR95CC, YR95CH, YR95IN, YR95LI, YR95PE** and **YR95SE** will be active from 16 February until 31 May. The event is being organised by C.S. Radioclub Admira (YO2KBQ), the successor of the club that was established almost a century ago. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/YR95AR> for more information. (TNX 42DX)

ZL, NEW ZEALAND Active from 1 October to 31 May 2024, **ZL6WG** is a special event callsign promoting the 98th NZART annual conference that will be held in Christchurch on 1-2 June next year. QSL via LoTW; paper cards will not be available. (TNX 425DX)
<https://hamradio.co.nz/award/>

Bob K9EID –S.K



Sad news to report that Bob, K9EID – founder of Heil Ham Radio has become Silent Key. Following info was recently published on the official Heil Ham Radio Facebook [page](#):

'Our beloved founder, Dr. Bob Heil, K9EID, is now a Silent Key. Bob fought a valiant, year-long battle with cancer, and passed peacefully surrounded by his family. Bob's lifelong passion for amateur radio was clear to everyone involved in the hobby. Everything Bob did for the betterment and growth of amateur radio – from his instructional handbooks and countless presentations to his support of the ARRL and youth programs – was based on the foundation and spirit of service. Bob was an Elmer to all of us. While Bob's presence will dearly be missed, his impact on the hobby and everyone in it will forever be felt. On behalf of Bob to all ham radio operators worldwide, 73.'

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